HCC – Test 1 – Study Guide  
  
What are the concurrent, reserved, prohibited, and implied powers?   
What specific powers are given to the national government?  
What was significant about McCulloch v. Maryland?  
Be familiar with dual and cooperative federalism.  
Be familiar with matching grants and the difference between categorical and block grants.  
What are the components of the Affordable Care Act? How is it an example of cooperative and/or coercive federalism?  
What impact might initiative elections have on federalism?  
Why might it be a good idea for states to take the lead on public policy making?  
What is the Tea Party?  
Which institution is responsible for determining the precise relationship between the state and national government?  
What impact did the 16th and 17th Amendments have on federalism?  
What was Dillon’s Rule?  
Be familiar with turnout rates in the state of Texas.   
What is the process for incorporating a city?  
What is the difference between a general law and home rule city?  
What is a city charter? What does it do?  
What is a city ordinance?  
What can home rule cities do that general law cities cannot?  
Be familiar with basic facts concerning the structure of cityi governments.  
What roles do political parties play in municipal and state elections?  
What is the difference between at-large and city elections?  
What do cities do?  
What are the principal sources of revenue for cities?   
What problems exist in collecting sufficient revenue?  
What might make it difficult for cities to provide basic services?  
What is the basic function of a county?  
What specific things do counties do?  
Be familiar with Baker v Carr, Reynolds v Simms, and Avery v. Midland County.  
What is the job description of the principle offices in county government?   
Where does funding come for counties?   
Be familiar with basic facts about the voter registration process.  
Why is voter turnout lower in Texas?  
What is a primary election? What is the difference between An open and closed primary?  
How are primary elections run?  
What is necessary to win a primary and general elections?  
What is the principle goal of a political party?  
How many elected offices in Texas are term limited? 